

ASI Student Body Elections: Spring 2021 Official Voter Information Guide

Voting will take place the Tuesday through Wednesday three weeks prior to Spring Recess. Voting will open at 8:00 AM PST on the first day and close at 8:00 PM PST on the final day. Candidates are required to use their name on record with CSU Fullerton on the ballot. The order of candidates appearing on the ballot will be in alphabetical order.

Spring 2021 Dates: Tuesday March 9th – Wednesday March 10th

Each student shall be required to authenticate their eligibility to vote by entering their CSU Fullerton credentials on the voting website. A student will vote on a single ballot, in most to least preferred: ASI President and Vice President, ASI Board of Directors, and TSC Board of Trustees.

When voting for the ASI Board of Directors, the student will be voting in the academic college which they are enrolled. If a student is undeclared, they may choose which one academic college to vote in. If a student has multiple declared majors in different academic colleges they shall choose one academic college that they are enrolled to vote in. If a student is voting for a write-in candidate their name must be spelled correctly, as CSU Fullerton has on record, for the vote to count.

The ***Instant Run-Off Voting method*** will be used to count the votes. On the ballot, voters will rank candidate teams, Director candidates, and Trustees candidates in order of most preferred to least preferred. The Instant Run-Off Voting method simulates an election with multiple run off rounds until a candidate receives majority.

The winners will be the candidate or candidate team who receives a majority of votes in the regular election. A majority shall be defined as 50% plus one individual vote of the total votes cast.

President and Vice President:

If no candidate team receives a majority of votes in the regular election, the candidate team with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and an Instant Run-Off will occur, as defined by the InstantRunoff Voting method.

ASI Board of Directors:

The winners shall be the two (2) candidates from each college who receive the most votes. If two candidates tie for second place, the candidate(s) with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and as Instant Run-Off will occur, as defined by the Instant-Runoff Voting method.

Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees:

The winners shall be the ten (10) candidates who receive the most votes. If multiple candidates tie for tenth place, the candidate(s) with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and an instant runoff will occur, as defined by the Instant Run-Off Voting method.

If no candidate or candidate team receives a majority of votes in the regular election, the candidate or candidate team with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and an Instant Run-Off will occur. The eliminated candidate or candidate team's votes are transferred to the other depending on each voter's preference as stated on their ballot. A Run-Off election will be simulated with the new vote totals. This process will repeat until a candidate or candidate team receives a majority of votes.

At the close of the elections the results will be counted. If there are no pending complaints or appeals, the Elections Director will submit the results to be certified within twenty-four (24) hours. The certification process will include review by the Elections Director, Executive Director or designee, and the Vice President of Student Affairs or designee. Results are only certified after any complaints have been heard by the Elections Judicial Council and appeals have been heard by the Board of Directors. Once certified, the results shall be released to the public.

FROM: Isabella Galvan
Elections Director

Drew Wiley
Director, Leader & Program Development

SUBJECT: **ASI Student Body Elections 2021 – Candidates**

All candidates below have met the requirements necessary to be officially considered a candidate in the ASI Student Body Elections. As a reminder, the annual elections will take place online March 9th and March 10th at vote.fullerton.edu.

President and Vice President

Josh Mitchell & Kira Dawson

Board of Directors: Arts

Ramon Aquino

**Board of Directors:
Communications**

Lydia Kelley
Heather Solis

Board of Directors: Education

Jimmy Nguyen

**Board of Directors:
Engineering and Computer Science**

**Board of Directors:
Health and Human Development**

**Board of Directors:
Humanities and Social Sciences**

Alisa Toh-Heng
Marcus Arnwine

**Board of Directors:
College of Business and Economics**

Samuel Betancourt
George Hannawi
Mary Chammas

**Board of Directors:
Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

Naman Shah

**Titan Student Centers Board of
Trustees**

Maddie Bohman
Christopher Carlsen
Chrystina Heurman
Connor Joe
Johnny Kwok
Kyle Nardi
Dev Patel
Alison Sanchez
Shayan Shabak
David Velazquez
Brendan Tang-Tran
Brandon Wong

Write-In Candidates:

Write-in candidates have the same right and responsibilities as all other candidates. Write-in Candidates name will not be pre-printed on the ballot. If a student is voting for a write-in candidate their name must be spelled correctly, as CSU Fullerton has on record for the vote to count.



Candidate Name: Josh Mitchell

Candidate for: ASI President

Running Mate: Kira Dawson

Biography:

Hey Titans! I'm Josh Mitchell (he/him), and I am a candidate for the next President of Associated Students, Inc., along with my running mate, Kira Dawson, for Vice President. I'm a 4th year student and will be earning my undergraduate degree in Computer Engineering this spring. I will continue and complete the academic requirements to receive my Masters Degree in Computer Engineering in the spring of 2022. I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to experience four years of campus life at CSUF and what it has to offer. I lived in housing for three years and spent two of those as a Residential Advisor overseeing our athletic and President Scholars/Honors communities. In addition, I served as a Board of Director for the College of ECS in 2019-2020. Here, I was introduced to ASI and how the organization runs. I'm a member of the honors community and an active member in our social network. I'd welcome your support and the opportunity to represent our great university. It would be an honor to apply my years of experience to work on our current and future challenges and champion meaningful modifications to the continued successful Titian growth at CSUF.

Platform:

The platform of Titans ACT revolves around three pillars:

A - Adaptability

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 43,000 Titans have been forced to take classes virtually and miss out on the wonderful programs, sporting events, and theater performances that our school has to offer. In addition, the freshmen this year were never able to enter a classroom. Under the assumption that campus is open in the fall, we want to make the transition back to campus as smooth as possible and assist students in creating those social interactions that have been so dearly missed. There will be twice as many new faces on campus in the fall! The transition from in-person to virtual has not been easy for everyone's mental health, and Kira and I would like to help combat the almost 50% rise in mental illness by promoting resources through CAPS and hosting programs focused on mental wellness. It will be hard to adapt to campus life again, but we will work to make it easier for you!

C - Communication

In order to have awareness of social issues and implement solutions, communication is needed! Kira and I would like to improve the gap in communication between students and the student leaders that are part of ASI. After the conclusion of such a polarizing political cycle, we are aware of the divide and distrust that many communities on our campus may hold. We want to practice active listening by simply allowing our communities on campus to speak their truth and come to a greater understanding of the challenges that are faced on a daily basis. We believe this will greatly assist in advocating for issues such as ethnic studies, AB-1460. We hope that communication on our campus can be increased via attending meetings, listening, keeping an open mind, and hosting accessible forms of communication such as hybrid office hours.

T - Transparency

As students ourselves, Kira and I have our own concerns and are able to understand a few of the challenges that a lot of students are facing due to the pandemic. We would like to push to have an effective understanding of what the transition to campus will look like and what measures are being put in place to keep students safe. As of now, there are many unknowns with the vaccine and the possible issues that could arrive with contact tracing. We will fight to have more transparency as it relates to academics and finances. We want to improve the visibility around where our tuition is going and the importance behind fiscal responsibility. Regarding academics, we would like to know what measures are being put in place to maintain an equitable learning environment that does not isolate those that are facing adversity during these times.

Slogan:

#voteTitansACT



Candidate Name: Kira Dawson
Candidate for: ASI Vice President
Running Mate: Josh Mitchell

Biography:

Hi everyone! My name is Kira Dawson. I am a third-year student, completing a double-major in Communications, Entertainment and Tourism and American Studies. I am running for the position of Vice President, alongside my running mate, Josh Mitchell. I am currently serving the student body as a Programming Coordinator with ASI, producing virtual events through the 2020-21 academic year. In addition, I currently act as Director of Administration for the Communications Inter-Club Council (CICC), facilitating the distribution of ASI funding to a number of affiliated clubs within the college. Beyond this, I am an active member in the Panhellenic Sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, where I have learned and practiced the values of leadership, commitment, and sisterhood.

Through my time at CSUF, I've learned that there is no universal Titan experience. Student's intersectional experiences make for unique challenges and opportunities through their time at the university, that require certain support. I hope to engage with students, listen, and learn in order to represent CSUF's diverse student body.

The coming year will require a team of dynamic, experienced, decisive leaders. I am confident in my abilities and eager to serve the Titan community in this capacity.

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Candidate Name: Ramon Aquino
Candidate for: Board of Directors
College: Arts

Biography:

Heyaa Titans! My name is Ramón Aquino and I am a second-year student majoring in Entertainment Arts and Animation, and double minoring in Linguistics and Chicanx Studies. I was born and raised in Mexico for more than half of my life and I am a proud first-generation student and member of the LGBTQ+ community. I am really excited to re-run as your ASI Board of Directors for the College of the Arts!

During my time at CSUF I have committed myself to becoming a voice for students and different communities on-campus. As an ASI Board of Director, I currently serve as an ASI liaison for the Arts Inter-Club Council, the Social Justice and Equity Commission, and the Children's Center, as well as also taken the role of Chair in the Board Leadership Review Committee this past semester. Aside from ASI, I also direct a big chunk of my schedule to our on-campus housing community by serving as the National Communications Coordinator in the Resident Student Association and Recognition Director in the National Residence Hall Honorary, and also love assisting students by working as a Titan Career Ambassador in the Career Center.

Platform:

While running for ASI Board of Directors last academic year, I never expected the shift to virtual learning and the obstacles that it has posed along the way. However, I consider that I have learned and grown as a student leader from these experiences, and while my goals have changed vastly compared to last year, if reelected my platform would consist of:

R - Resourcefulness: As we advance and grow as professionals in the Arts, the importance of having the appropriate resources and opportunities for our field matter more and more. Of course, the tools do not make the artist but they most certainly allow us to learn and adapt more efficiently to our changing environment and that is why I am committed to facilitate the process of acquiring resources available to COTA students as well as amplifying the opportunities that arise amongst our community.

E - Empowerment: As artists, the ways we present ourselves to the public and the products of our efforts are essential to our growth. Particularly in our academic college, representation is a big factor of our identities, which has seen a dramatic decrease this past year. As the ASI representative of COTA, I want to work towards bringing that sense of empowerment back, not only as artists but as members of different and diverse communities as well in ways that we can take advantage and learn from our current away-from-school situation.

A - Adaptability: Due to our sudden change to online learning and programming, I want to assure that COTA students are well versed and prepared in this virtual environment both academically and artistically, and for incoming, transfer, and current students to transition and thrive into their fields of expertise whether it be in-person or virtually.

C - Communication: During my experience as an ASI Board of Director, I have run into the question "What's a board of director?" so many times and the best way to explain to others is simply saying "We serve as the connection between students and ASI". If reelected, I want to reinforce our means of communication with COTA students in order to better represent and support artists in student affairs as well as making the process of providing feedback to us much more accessible to our constituents in the future.

T - Transparency: Finally, I want to stress the importance of honesty and transparency in student government. As a current member of the Board of Directors, I strive to serve as the voice of students and so I put trust in my students to wholeheartedly guide and influence the decisions I make in my position, and likewise, I expect students to trust in me to be transparent and communicate all issues and affairs that may impact the student body of COTA.

Slogan:

#voteTitansACT



Candidate Name: Lydia Kelley
Candidate for: Board of Directors
College: Communications

Biography:

Hey everyone! I'm Lydia Kelley and I'm a sophomore Communications major with an emphasis in public relations. Throughout the past two years I've been involved in campus organizations that have taught me the importance of listening to student voices and ensuring they're heard. I served as Social Media and News Assistant Editor at our campus newspaper, The Daily Titan. Working in the newsroom, I gained the knowledge, experience, and skills that has provided opportunities to be an outspoken representative of the student body. It has given me a platform to embrace the differences that make us all unique and be an advocate for inclusion. I'm currently the sitting President for Sigma Kappa Sorority after serving as Panhellenic Delegate on the executive board my first year. Being part of this organization has cultivated my passion for giving back and has allowed me to impact my community. I have fundraising experience through Titanthon-an organization that works to fundraise for CHOC Children's Hospital-and I have developed strong interpersonal skills through my involvement within the School of Communication. It would be an honor to serve on your Board of Directors for the College of Communications to further ensure students are being represented on campus.

Platform:

If elected, my priority is to foster an environment within the College of Communications that makes knowledge and connections accessible to the Titan community, through the utilization of adaptability, communication, and transparency.

Adaptability: As students, we have been presented with challenges during these trying times that have impacted my peers' ability to have equitable access to on-campus resources which are essential to the success of students. I believe that all students deserve the right to a quality education. Being that we're in a virtual environment, my goal is to create a broader collection of resources that are adapted to our needs as we transition into new and unfamiliar learning environments.

Communication: As Communications students we are all given the opportunity to express ourselves through our creations. We are a diverse group of individuals that has been unified through the goal of enriching our campus and our communities through our creative endeavors. I understand we are deprived of the typical networking opportunities due to our current situation; my goal is to alleviate some of this stress by developing a forum where students can openly express their interests and connect with others and opportunities virtually.

Transparency: Honest and straightforward communication is an essential building block to develop a strong and unified student body. I believe that students are entitled to knowledge about the role they play in developing the goals and opportunities that exist within the College of Communications. As your representative, I will strive to be transparent in a way that ensures that students are receiving the proper and necessary information that is pivotal in shaping the Titan experience..

Slogan:

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Candidate Name: Heather Solis
Candidate for: Board of Directors
College: Communications

Biography:

I am a first-generation low-income Latina and the youngest of seven siblings. I am the first in my family to attend a four-year university; none of my siblings have gone beyond community college. My concentration is journalism and I am also minoring in Political Science and getting a Spanish Media Certification. Hopefully what I learn in those classes will help me become a better broadcast journalist to hopefully work in prestigious companies like CNN, ABC, KTLA, or any Spanish companies like Univision. I like to get involved with many clubs and organizations because I am a woman of many passions and I love doing the things I join. I have also joined many of the clubs and organizations here but overall, at the end of the day, I just enjoy being part of a community

Platform:

If elected, I will put more input in what other resources the students in the College of Communication would like and need in order to create a more secure environment where students can feel supported. I aim to accomplish so many things while being in this position like connecting communication students to resources they would need to maximize their personal growth. I know college is the time when we as students grow and in order to maximize our potential we need the resources to do this, which is why it would be one of my main focuses. As a board of director, I will be in the lookout to bring programs and services to our campus. I will also strive to look at problems through many perspectives and find a solution that will serve communication students in a more substantial way. My goal is to also work a lot with CICC to make sure they have the support they need and strive to work as hard as I can for the College of Communication. I vow to put the students and campus interest before anything else

Slogan:

Running to sincerely serve students and work toward change together in community



Candidate Name: Jimmy Nguyen
Candidate for: Board of Directors
College: Education

Biography:

Jimmy is a first-year graduate student in the Master of Science in Higher Education program at CSUF. He earned his BA in Sociology and Education from UC Riverside. As a first-generation college student, Jimmy is driven by his passion to make higher education more accessible for marginalized communities and providing resources for these communities to utilize on their journey through higher education. At CSUF, Jimmy is the graduate assistant for the Diversity Initiatives & Resource Centers (DIRC) where his main responsibilities are to develop and facilitate educational workshops revolving around social justice, diversity, and inclusion, and to collaborate with the staff and students within the five identity cultural centers in DIRC. He is also involved with the Higher Education Leadership Organization where he is one of the Professional Development Coordinators. Outside of school, Jimmy is a high school percussion director and has extensive experience in working with both high school and college students. In his free time, Jimmy is an avid hiker and music arranger for schools throughout the nation. He also enjoys spending time with his partner and their 2 pets, Wall-E and Angel

Platform:

I believe that the role of ASI on CSUF's campus is to help students succeed by allowing them the opportunity to develop professional relationships, attend events and meetings, and having access to an abundance of educational and professional resources that will equip them with the right tools to pave the road to their individualized success. ASI also has resources that many students can benefit from. The push for diversity and inclusion that I've seen from ASI and its programs and centers show that the central mission is to cater to a diverse group of students by allowing them access to groups, events, and other opportunities that will allow them to grow as students and people. If I were elected to the Board of Directors, I would continue to push for the development of professional development opportunities and continue to propagate the values of diversity and inclusion. Being the director of the COE would allow me to have a platform that can be used to ameliorate any problems found between the individual colleges at CSUF and their respective student bodies. I see this position as being a liaison between the student body and their colleges-- this is an extremely crucial role and ties into ASI's mission to serve and cater to the students of CSUF. By holding the power to suggest, deny, and/or approve motions and resolutions, the Board of Directors can positively impact the experiences of both undergraduate and graduate students at CSUF. Another goal I want to achieve is to close the gap between our institutional leadership and our student body. As a student, I've always felt like I could never reach the leaders who dictate so much of my educational journey. I want to build a platform that will allow students to feel more connected to the campus, and I believe that the best way to achieve this is by being a prominent voice for our student body and eventually developing a platform where the voices of the CSUF student body can be heard and understood by every individual on our campus.

Slogan:



Candidate Name: Alisa Toh-Heng

Candidate for: Board of Directors

College: Humanities and Social Sciences

Biography:

Hi, I'm majoring Political Science and minoring in Geography and Environment. I'm a transferred student from Fullerton College. I'm currently working really hard to get into law school by next year. One of my hobbies is film photography. I also speaks Thai fluently. Lastly, I'm also a member of Pre-Law Society.

Platform:

I wanted to make CSUF a better place even though it's already awesome, there's nothing wrong with improving with our campus. I wanted to make our campus to become more eco-friendly. I wanted to add more choices of food such as plant-based or vegan options to the students. I will do my best to assist all of the students and to help them with all of their problems..

Slogan:

Make Anything Possible



Candidate Name: Marcus Arnwine

Candidate for: Board of Directors

College: Humanities and Social Sciences

Biography:

Greetings all! My name is Marcus Arnwine (he/him), and I am petitioning to be the next Board of Director for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. I am currently a second-year Honors student majoring in History. Though I intend to graduate with a degree in History, I plan to go to medical school following my undergraduate years. I plan on doing so by completing med-school prerequisite courses while simultaneously remaining loyal to my history major courses.

Being employed while maintaining a good academic standing with the university, I feel that I am able to empathize with the common challenges that many students face in the realm of balancing their academics with extracurricular engagements.

Though I do participate in a group called "Divine Servants" on campus, I am still in active search of more ways to get involved on the CSUF campus, and see this position as a huge opportunity to apply my ambitious and goal-oriented drive to something larger than myself and delve into a leadership position that would foster not only a better relationship with myself and the school but more importantly, the titan community.

Tusks up!!

Platform:

The Titans ACT platform stands upon 3 pillars:

A - Adaptability

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, many new challenges have been placed among our community. Since the transfer from in-person learning to virtual learning, an estimated 43,000 titans have been subject to taking classes online. While online classes in themselves are not unheard of, not having access to the student resources provided on campus has produced many inconveniences in many ways on a significant number of students. In brief digression, I want to personally commend each titan that has stuck it out and adapted to the unanticipated changes that have befallen us as a university. The pandemic, while tragic, and for some life-altering, has shown many if not everyone the importance of being able to adapt and overcome. With the anticipation of returning to in-person learning in the fall, we hope to eagerly return CSUF to a sense of normalcy, by funneling hard-work, and energy into various on-campus/ virtual student resources to make the "welcome-back" process as smooth as possible for you; our fellow classmates, and faculty members.

C - Communication

After the year 2020, and all of the events that have taken place, it is clear that in some ways, there has been a noticeable amount of division produced among individuals in society, and the division surely has not excluded our campus from its grasp. Our platform hopes to mend any divides between student bodies on campus and ASI leadership by implementing various avenues of communication such as a hybrid office hour system that would enhance the ability of the ASI leadership program to get in touch with the opinions, and sentiments of various groups and individuals on campus.

T- Transparency

Transparency in my opinion is what will allow adaptability and communication to flow as smoothly as possible with our platform. ACT as a whole aims to gain the trust and confidence of our fellow students by maintaining an honest and open insight into how we plan to move forward with certain decisions that involve academic, and financial opportunities for all students. We strive to maintain/provide the most equitable learning environment in which all titans have an equal opportunity to reach their goals, and by implementing a transparent system of leadership, we hope that you feel free to reach out.

Slogan:

#votetitansact



Candidate Name: Samuel Betancourt

Candidate for: Board of Directors

College: College of Business and Economics

Biography:

Fellow Titans, my name is Samuel Betancourt, and I am a passionate second-year business student eager to serve the College of Business and Economics community. I come from a long line of Titans and hope to take my family's legacy a step further as your representative on the Board of Directors for the CBE. I came into CSUF with two goals. The first is to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration, which I will use alongside a Public Administration minor to enter a city management career. Secondly, I want to leave CSUF with a legacy of being a Titan who emphasizes our school's advocacy, service, and transparency values. As a member of the Business Honors Program, I see the tremendous potential CBE and its services have to ensure all students and student-run organizations have an invigorating collegiate experience. If duly elected, it will be my job to set policy, allocate funds, and advocate for your interests in the Board of Directors to ensure that invigorating experience becomes a reality.

Platform:

If duly elected, I will seek to improve upon the CBE with both a business and political approach. In the line of business, I will prioritize policies under review that will benefit the CBE and enrich our students' collegiate journeys. I will also insist on receiving adequate funds for our college, including funding for our vast and diverse student-run organizations.

Secondly, as one who desires to enter the field of public administration, I will carry with me three values I believe are paramount to uphold during my time as a representative on the Board of Directors:

1. I will maintain my value of advocacy and align my voting with the students' interests. Doing so will make sure I fulfill my duty to represent the CBE student bodies' interests on a Board with the potential to impact a broad community.
2. I will focus on my value of service. I firmly believe representatives of the Board of Directors should use their platform for service rather than power. If elected as a representative for the Board of Directors, I will emphasize servant-leadership on my mission to improve the collegiate experiences for all enrolled in the CBE.
3. I will carry with me a sense of transparency throughout my time as a representative. Since attending CSUF, I have observed a disconnect between the CBE and the Board of Directors. As a representative, I will make constant communication between myself and the student body, including board members of various organizations and officials within the CBE. Doing so will allow a connection between our college and ASI to flourish and better our academic ventures.

Slogan:

The CBE needs Sam B for Advocacy, Service and Transparency



Candidate Name: George Hannawi

Candidate for: Board of Directors

College: College of Business and Economics

Biography:

I am currently a junior and a business major with an emphasis in general management and a minor in marketing. My interests include sports, music, comedy, and real estate. After graduating, I plan on pursuing a career in management while also working on my real estate license in order to become an agent. When the campus was open, I spent most of my time playing basketball at the SRC, writing rap lyrics, and working at the tutoring center. I currently serve as one of the board of directors for the College of Business and Economics and I am running for a second term. During my freshman year, I stayed in the residence halls on the Business and Economics floor, Elm 3. From there, I learned about the networking opportunities that Mihaylo offers through career fairs and on-campus events. This inspired me to run for the board of directors position which I completely fell in love with and I am excited to run for the position once again.

Platform:

With the past year being fully online, many students are eager to get back to campus, myself included. This would mean that many more physical resources will be available including study spaces, in-person tutoring, and more. Considering that the upcoming year will be a fresh start, I plan and hope to work on creating more resources and opportunities for business and economics students so that their return to campus will be greater than ever before. If elected, I will be able to use my influence in ASI to provide more publicity and fundraising opportunities for the current business clubs on campus, as well as any new clubs that wish to join the Business Inter-Club Council (BICC). I also wish to work with BICC to bring back on-campus events such as Business Madness, Fall Bazaar, and the Business Olympics for students to come together, network and be more involved. As the current board member for the college, my co-director and I were able to consistently communicate with the business council to hear the voices of students and what they were interested in. I am also a strong advocate for the Tutoring Center located in Mihaylo Hall. The Tutoring Center offers assistance in "Bottleneck" courses and further publicizing its resources will benefit students and offer them the assistance they may need. I hope to provide more advertising towards the Tutoring Center so that we will be able to offer more subjects and assist a larger number of students in the future. If elected, I plan to continue being a direct voice for Business and Economics students by being connected to my peers who are interested in being more involved with the college. I find student representation to be very important, and I plan on taking my potential role as Board of Directors to a new level by connecting with my peers directly in this upcoming new school year.

Slogan:



Candidate Name: Mary Chammas

Candidate for: Board of Directors

College: College of Business and Economics

Biography:

Hey Titans!

My name is Mary Chammas and I am a third year International Business major running for your ASI Board of Directors to represent the College of Business. I am currently the founder and president of the Lebanese Student Association (LSA) as well as the SouthWest Asian North African (SWANA) Organization on campus. I was an active member on both SWANA Week planning committees, which was CSU's first representation of the Middle Eastern North African communities. I was also on both SWANA resolution committees and worked closely with ASI to get them passed! Both of these organizations promote culture and heritage and I love learning about different cultures as well as seeing how it affects the way businesses operate internationally. Going to school everyday teaches me that there is so much to learn and do outside of the classroom (yes even on Zoom)! I love learning and connecting with students by helping them make the most out of their college experience. I hope to enhance your Titan Experiences by building a strong foundation to achieve student success.

Platform:

If elected, I want to enhance your Titan Experiences by providing the necessary programming, resources, and funding to benefit your business goals. These can be accomplished through my three main goals.

To begin with, it is necessary to build bridges not only with ASI but with the administration as well. If a student needs something, the odds are other students need it too. It is important to build these connections in order to voice student concerns and implement change more effectively.

In addition to this, providing more resources, funding, and opportunities to the students of the College of Business and Economics as well as its organizations is necessary to ensure your success. One of the most important aspects of being a Business major is networking. Finding the right organization with the necessary resources and funding is essential for students to maximize their experiences to better prepare you for the business field.

Lastly, more programming is needed to unite the College of Business and Economics students with one another. Whether this connection is with faculty and staff or your fellow business Titans, this will increase student engagement and allow students to foster a closely-knit community. To further students' sense of belonging, The College of Business and Economics must unite with other colleges to feel more connected to campus and allow students to explore all the majors and minors to get the most out of their academic experiences.

Through Zoom or in-person, it is important to address issues for student advancement.

Let it be my job to make your lives easier and give you the ultimate college experience. I am here for you and rooting for all your successes.

Be sure to vote Mary Chammas for Board of Directors for the College of Business and Economic

Slogan:

#voteTitansACT



Candidate Name: Naman Shah

Candidate for: Board of Directors

College: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Biography:

Hey Titans! My name is Naman Shah and I am a third-year Biochemistry major running for ASI Board of Directors to represent the College of Natural Science and Mathematics. Throughout my time at CSUF, I have been fortunate to have extensive experience with on-campus organizations. I am currently serving as the Vice President for the Student Health Professions Association (SHPA), as well as Treasurer for Latino Medical Student Association Plus (LMSA+), Treasurer for the President's Scholar Student Association, a Supplemental Instruction (SI) leader for chemistry, and a member of the University Honors program. In addition to this, I currently perform research in Dr. Curtis's research lab to examine the presence of possible carcinogens in e-cigarettes.

Through each of these experiences, I have learned the valuable impact that being involved on-campus can have on a student's journey. Each of these experiences have given me the opportunity to present and share resources with a greater community of students looking to pursue their goals. With this, I gained a particular passion for helping students obtain and utilize a plethora of resources to help aid students through the difficult path that is a major in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

Platform:

As a student in CNSM, I realized that many students were rather shielded from the rest of the campus's resources and experiences. CNSM students often do not get a chance to utilize the broader resources provided to all Cal State Fullerton students, and thus their Titan Experience is diminished. If I were to be elected, I would work to establish programs and resources that work with the difficult schedules of CNSM majors. This is especially important to me because many of the programs that are currently provided to students do not address the needs of CNSM students. With incredibly regimented and busy schedules, attending on-campus events is a luxury not many students have. This can lead to a large disconnect from campus culture, and many students thus feel isolated.

Addressing these issues can lead to students building greater connections to programs outside of their majors, as well as aid with connecting students to their hobbies and passions. Beyond just this, though, if elected, I intend to advocate for programming that is specifically tailored towards CNSM students. Other colleges seem to have a plethora of events and programs that allow students to connect and bond with one another, but students in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics do not have many events specifically made for them, and thus there is not a strong culture of student interaction. Networking is an essential skill to have and develop, and students are not being given an effective enough chance to be able to bond and connect with other students in their college. As such, further programming tailored to CNSM students can allow students to truly develop connections and improve their educational journey. If elected, I look to simply improve upon the experience that many CNSM students feel through this major. Many students feel isolated and are unable to develop extensive connections, inside and outside the college. With this, it is crucial that CNSM students are not left to go through their journeys alone, and I intend to do whatever it takes to be an effective advocate for ALL students in the College of Natural Science of Mathematics. Vote Naman Shah for Board of Directors!

Slogan:

#voteTitansACT



Candidate Name: Maddie Bohman

Candidate for: Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

Biography:

Hi everyone, my name is Maddie Bohman. I am a sophomore here at CSUF and will graduate in spring 2023 with a degree in Public Health. I am an active member of Alpha Chi Omega and currently serve on the executive board as the VP Panhellenic Delegate. In high school, I was an active participant in National Charity League, in which I volunteered over 1,000 hours at the YWCA, Union Station, Twelve Oaks retirement center, and Ascencia. I additionally served as the NCL chapter president, in which it was my responsibility to lead my chapter and communicate with headquarters. I achieved my Girl Scout gold award by fundraising and renovating the living space in a YWCA domestic shelter. I highly value giving back to my community and want my career to revolve around helping people, which is why I strive to be a nurse.

Platform:

If elected to be a member of the Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees, I promise to work my hardest to fulfill the wishes of the student body in which I represent. I will make it a priority to attend all mandatory meetings and put the Associated Students Inc. first. I seek to establish more policies that will continue to improve the relations between all crucial members that make Cal State Fullerton the great school it is; this includes the students, faculty, and staff, and all other critical members. I want to continue to encourage the advancement of social, cultural, and intellectual programs, whether it be virtual or in-person. I believe it is important to make the student body aware of the many excellent services available to us through our tuition payment. Promoting wellness for the community will be a priority for me, and at the top of the list is my goal to spread awareness and support for mental illness. It is imperative to me to aid the less fortunate and less privileged through scholarship opportunities, along with the many on-campus job opportunities. I believe it is my responsibility to be an active member of society and actively engage in the opportunities presented to me to improve our campus.

Slogan:

Bohman on Board



Candidate Name: Christopher Carlsen

Candidate for: Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

Biography:

Hey Titans! My name is Chris Carlsen and I'm a third-year studying Finance, also minoring in Political Science. Since coming to Cal State Fullerton, I have pursued many opportunities to get involved in campus. During my freshman year I attended ASI Street Team meetings where students learn about the ins and outs of ASI and volunteer at events around campus. My second year I served as the Programs Director of the Resident Student Association (RSA), where I design programs working with many vendors and campus partners such as CAPS and Titan Well. I also serve as the President of CSUF Hillel, a Jewish organization that seeks to enrich the lives of Jewish students on campus. Finally, for the previous year and a half I have served as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees, and served as Chair of the Board this past semester. During my time on the Board, I have had firsthand experience in voting on proposals, fee increases, capital improvements, and office space allocation. I have also been involved with planning projects by co-leading the remodel for the Titan Theater and leading an effort to create more light sources around the TSU and SRC.

Platform:

If elected, my primary role as a student trustee is to represent the best interest of students at Cal State Fullerton. The SRC and TSU are some of the most used buildings by students and play an important role in someone's experience at CSUF. It is essential that these buildings are well maintained and funded appropriately. The TSU is one of the largest buildings on campus, and many students use it every day as a community space to interact with fellow Titans. A project the Board has worked on but not completed is creating Pop-Up Pub located on the main level. This space would consist of TSU room 129 and the South Patio on the main level. The South Patio furniture is outdated and made of concrete. This space would be better utilized as a part of a Pop-Up Pub. Many other universities have pubs as part of their student union, and if executed correctly, a pub in the TSU would be a hit among current students and alumni. Much of the furniture in the TSU is still from the first building remodel in 1992. They are old-fashioned and clash with the new furniture from the 2016 TSU expansion. Two years ago, the Board of Trustees passed a proposal about renovating the second floor of the TSU, which would include new office spaces, meeting rooms and furniture. If elected, I would advocate for new furniture to be purchased for the rest of the building during the second-floor renovation. Although these are some of the ideas I would like to see implemented in the TSU, most of all I want students to feel included in this space and reach out to Board members like myself if they want to see specific changes. The Board of Trustees also manages the operation of the SRC. The SRC is not only used by students, but also faculty, staff and alumni. The SRC was built in 2008 and most of the equipment being used is from the initial opening of the facility. When the SRC was first designed and opened, it was to accommodate a student population of around 30,000 students, while we now have a population of 40,000 students. The building was simply not designed for a campus enrollment that large. A solution to this challenge is to begin a conversation of a multi-year process to expand the SRC. If elected as a Trustee, my interests would rest with the students and doing what is best for all Titans. I will be available to all students that want to discuss improving our facilities by holding office hours or corresponding by email/phone. I would be honored to work on the Board of Trustees and serve the students of CSUF

Slogan:

Count on Carlsen



Candidate Name: Chrystina Heuerman

Candidate for: Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

Biography:

I am currently a second-year Business Honors student with a music minor. I am also Vice President of Programming for Sigma Kappa Sorority and Special Events Director for Titanthon. As VP of programming, I have learned to create engaging programming events for my chapter. With the help of feedback, I have learned to adapt to my chapter's current needs. In addition, I organize our chapter's semester calendars and I am the head of our chairwomen within the chapter. As Special Events Director of Titanthon I have been given the opportunity to help create events to encourage students to get involved and give back to our local children's hospital, CHOC. Through these leadership opportunities, I have found a passion for encouraging student involvement through engaging events that not only benefit our student body but also benefit the community.

Platform:

If elected I want to work on creating a safe and transparent environment for all students, staff, and faculty. In addition, I want to create an environment that allows students to feel comfortable interacting with one another giving them the opportunity to meet new students; considering we will all "hopefully" be stepping back onto campus for the first time in a while. Plus, I want to help new students stepping on our campus for the first time, which not only includes our current freshman and transfer students who unfortunately started in a virtual environment, but also next year's freshman and transfer students. It is extremely important and beneficial to ensure the campus is a safe and welcoming environment for new and returning students.

On the other hand, if we do stay virtual continuing into this next school year, I want to still push and advocate to keep student resources open and running. I also want to continue to improve these resources, so all students can have easy access to them. Once the time comes to slowly start to go back to campus, it is important to make sure students feel safe to begin utilizing our on campus student resources such as the Student Union and Rec Center. I want to ensure that all student and faculty activities that occur on campus follow health guidelines, so everyone can feel safe returning to campus.

In addition, I want to create opportunities for students to have a voice and offer feedback. As a large and diverse population of students, we all need an abundance of different types of resources that can accommodate our on and off-campus needs. Currently, many students have very complex and difficult living situations, and I want to be able to accommodate those students as much as possible. I believe hearing feedback first hand from our student body is key to ensure we are truly making the best improvements to our resources. In addition, I want to be as transparent as possible as a board member.

Students have every right to know and have an opinion on where their money is going, as it is supposed to be used to create tools that can benefit all students on and off-campus. If a student feels they are not benefiting enough from the resources provided, I would love to hear and collaborate with that student on how we can improve and alter these tools. Overall, I feel that constant feedback and transparency will allow the board to grow and adapt to benefit our students and faculty in the best way possible during these uncertain and unpredictable times.

Slogan:

#VoteTitansAct

Candidate Name: Connor Joe

Candidate for: Titan Student Center Board of Trustees



Biography:

I am currently a 3rd year who is concentrating in Finance. I am from Yorba Linda and some of my interests include sports, financial markets, and music. My first and second year I dormed/had an apartment on campus which exposed me to campus life and some organizations. Some of the clubs/extracurricular I am in include Business Honors, Finance Association, an Executive Mentorship, and SMIF (Student managed investment fund).

Platform:

I hope to gain experience as a leader and help with any problems that the school may need, whether it is financial budgets or campus life. Everything that I do I try to excel and be the best in. Whatever the challenge may be I know that I can overcome it to the best of my ability.

Slogan:

Joe's R Us.



Candidate Name: Johnny Kwok

Candidate for: Titan Student Center Board of Trustees

Biography:

Hi everyone! My name is Johnny Kwok, and I'm currently a third-year Titan majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Business Analytics. I am involved with the Business Honors Program with the College of Business and Economics and the co-ed business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi. Outside of CSUF, I currently work as a part-time bank teller and am an assistant girls varsity basketball coach. Over my past 3 years as a Titan, I have had many leadership opportunities and engaged with different students striving to make each semester a good one. Feel free to reach out, and I look forward to meeting you!

Platform:

To my fellow Titans:

Since March 2020, we have not been able to return to campus and use the many facilities we are accustomed to. This pandemic has placed a brief pause on the traditional "college experience" and prevented us from interacting with each other, whether in the Titan Student Union or Student Recreation Center. For this upcoming 2021-2022 school year, I want to serve each student to reopen these facilities safely. The many services that we provide will be essential to restoring the importance of the Titan Student Centers.

Like you, I am eager to return to campus and interact with my friends, classmates, and professors in person. I will continue to do my part in making next year, a year we will all be looking forward to.

Slogan:

The clock is ticking; choose JKWOK!



Candidate Name: Dev Patel

Candidate for: Titan Student Center Board of Trustees

Biography:

My name is Dev Patel and I am a first-year here at CSUF majoring in Pre business. I am running for ASI Board of Trustees to better help govern the school and provide opportunities to students that were not previously offered. I believe that I am the best fit for this position because I am goal-oriented, an amazing communicator, and I am dedicated to serving others. Throughout my life, I have always taken the initiative to voice my opinion. If elected, I vow to make student life at CSUF better in any way possible by helping fellow students in any way possible.

I was a link crew leader in high school where I helped incoming freshmen better adapt to life in high school and I believe I can implement those leadership skills I learned in ASI by helping students better adapt to campus life by making their overall college experience unforgettable. I have also served as a president of a club that taught me how to lead a group of individuals by teaching them the importance of what my club stands for. If elected, I believe I can do the same for students here at CSUF.

Platform:

Our mission is committed to 4 specific pillars:

1 - Real Diversity: We are tired of our institution exhibiting performative diversity and capitalizing off of the backs of our students, and we are tired of the institutional and colorblind racism that is tolerated here on campus. Rather than just “saying” we are diverse due to our school-wide demographics and statistics, we understand that our campus is still a historically eurocentric institution, just as most of our society is. And in order to exhibit REAL DIVERSITY, one must navigate these spaces and have specific policies, programs, and initiatives that are intentionally built to bring about anti-racism, inclusivity, and equity.

2 - Authenticity/Transparency: We are not politicians, so we are not going to act like it. We are not happy nor “peppy” all the time, so we will not act like it. We are not going to tell you we know something if we don’t, nor will we fall into respectability politics and classism. Basically, we are not going to fake the funk, and we will not act like anybody we are not. We are not your saviors, none of us have that savior complex, for true change happens through organizing the people. We do not deserve your unbridled devotion, rather we are here to SERVE YOU ALL and should be challenged. We are here to give the power to the people, not to build resumes and sit in our ivory towers. We are here to mobilize the wills of the masses and allow ourselves to serve as the instruments that shall amplify the voices of our people. WE ARE YOU, we are true.

3 - Sexual Assault and Mental Health Awareness: We are here to bring awareness to the stigmatized and taboo topics surrounding mental health and sexual assault on campus. We want to financially empower CAPS, Title IX, the Health Center, and the Women’s and Adult Re-Entry Center on campus in hopes of increasing the hours of operation so that non-traditional students can use these resources, in hopes of increasing staffing and diversity within these agencies, and in hopes of keeping our students safe. In addition to these reactionary resources, we’d also like to change the climate of our campus, strive to rework rape culture on campus, help abolish the patriarchy, and engage students so that folks do not feel alone or isolated when dealing with their everyday struggles. We feel we need to do a better job of helping the students who feel disconnected and encourage a culture of community-based safety.

4-Needs not Numbers: Housing and food insecurity are one of our biggest issues on campus yet our administration continuously pushes for aesthetically-driven initiatives. Our hopes are to bridge the gap between the administration and to stand firmly with our students in addressing our needs, without tolerating any decisions that are made without the student’s consent or permission. We are here to fight for our student’s needs, as opposed to allowing our institution to capitalize off the glamour of our numbers.

Slogan:

Let our voices be heard. Vote for Dev.



Candidate Name: Alison Sanchez

Candidate for: Titan Student Center Board of Trustees

Biography:

Hello Titans! My name is Alison Sanchez and I'm a third-year accounting major and currently a student trustee on the board of trustees where I have had the pleasure of working with other student leaders. I chose to attend CSUF because of all the great opportunities that this campus offers which is why I would like to become more involved to create more opportunities for students during their time here at CSUF. Outside of school, I volunteer as a mentee with an organization called the Abigail Barraza Foundation that has helped encourage and support students from minority communities to continue their studies at a college or university. As a mentee, I have gained a perspective on how important it is to provide resources for others and to hear people's stories. With the experience that I have gained as a student and a volunteer, I have gained many qualities such as leadership, compassion, and dependability. It would be my pleasure to be re-elected as a student leader to my CSUF community.

Platform:

If re-elected, I will pursue the best interest of students to make their experience at CSUF memorable. With the recent events of COVID-19 and moving to virtual learning, some students have not had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the CSUF campus and the resources offered. My main goal and what I would like to accomplish is to make students feel welcomed at CSUF whether in person or on Zoom. If we transition to in-person learning, my goal would be to focus on our food pantry by getting it fully functioning for students to utilize. Additionally, I want to make sure that students are aware of the various resources that the Titan Student Centers offer and also for students to be open about addressing their concerns and ideas to the Board of Trustees

Slogan: #VoteTitansACT



Candidate Name: Shayan Shabak

Candidate for: Titan Student Center Board of Trustees

Biography:

Hello everyone! My name is Shayan Shabak, and I am a third-year here at Cal State Fullerton. I currently hold a position on the Board of Trustees as Vice-Chair of Facilities where I have had a great time working alongside other student leaders. I have been fortunate enough to give back to the community where I grew up in various ways. I volunteered for an organization called Breakthrough Collaborative, which helps low-income students receive an exceptional education. This helped change my perspective on many aspects of my life as I was hearing the struggles that some of these students' families were enduring daily. I did this to better my community and help those who are less fortunate than myself. This past year on the Board has given me a lot of insight into the daily efforts of ASI and how they operate so efficiently. Working alongside the other trustees on the board has shown me the true meaning of teamwork and leadership.

Platform:

Hi everyone! I am thrilled to introduce myself to you. I am Shayan Shabak, and I would be humbled to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for my third term in the upcoming school year.

I would like to use this position to continue to promote wellness and self-care within our community and to create awareness about mental illness and physical disabilities for I have many ideas that I hope will inspire important and meaningful change in our community. My primary goal in this position is to uplift every member of our community to help make Cal State Fullerton a second home for every single one of our students. I plan on doing this by creating another social area within the TSU for our students where we will have weekly events with food and beverage available for purchase. This space can serve as a great place to bring your friends between classes or if you are just waiting for the traffic to calm down. My goal is to help foster and contribute to a more inclusive, engaged, and the healthy campus community. If I get this position, I fully intend to be a team player above all else, to promote health and wellness in every way possible through engaging with academics, programming, and risk management. I believe that the key to tackling issues of health and wellness within our community requires a holistic approach, examining health and wellness through as many different perspectives as possible. I hope to bring awareness to this issue within the community, to reduce the stigma and fear that comes with acknowledging issues with physical and mental health, and to lay the groundwork for creating a community where these issues can be addressed openly and conquered together. I realize these issues will outlive my time here at Cal State Fullerton, but I would be honored to serve my community in laying the groundwork for a healthier future.

Slogan:

SHOOT FOR SHAYAN!

Candidate Name: David Velazquez

Candidate for: Titan Student Center Board of Trustees

Biography:

David is a fourth-year student at CSUF, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration. He is also a Brother of Alpha Phi Omega, which has helped him develop his leadership skills, gain lifetime friends, and give back to his community. Being the only child of two immigrants who came to America with almost nothing in their pockets, he has learned what it takes to become a better person than he was before. Born and raised in Dana Point, California, he has taken on multiple leadership positions throughout his academic career. Some of these positions include Treasurer for Students of Orange County for Change (non-profit), grassroots lobbying at the state level on behalf of March for Our Lives, and being involved in ASI Street Team his first year of college. On top of that, he was Fundraising Chair for his fraternity during the Spring '20 semester, as well as Leadership Vice-President during the Fall '20 semester, and currently serves as both the Spring '21 Rush Chair and March for Our Lives Chapter Lead at CSUF. He hopes to bring these leadership skills onto the school administration and bring forth legislation that will put STUDENTS FIRST.

Platform:

Sustainability: COVID-19 has affected us all. Many have lost their jobs, others have lost their family members. This issue extends boundaries that many were not expecting. 1 in 10 CSU students were homeless before the pandemic and that number continues to climb as the virus rages. As your next Board of Trustee member, I hope to do more than just addressing issues regarding the TSU and SRC but also advocate for an emphasis on Tuffy's Basic Needs and overall food donations, while increasing the number of emergency grant funds currently provided to students as well. Food insecurity is a big problem at CSUF and helping my community is something that comes very dear to me, as it is a big reason why I joined a community service fraternity in the first place. In addition to this, I want to ensure that our students feel safe and secure returning to campus in-person for the Fall '21 semester, as the school has recently announced its expectancy to resume in-person classes in the fall.

Inclusivity: I promise to fight for more diversity and inclusion initiatives in and out of campus. From ensuring that our students feel safe around campus to advocating for more mental health awareness, these are issues that are important to me. I want to promote more exposure to ASI, along with all of our other organizations on campus. CSUF is seen as a commuter school, therefore, there is more of a need to provide students a second home while they're on campus. From personal experience, I have met some of my best friends from joining clubs on campus and I want other students to have that same opportunity other than just during Discoverfest and All Day ASI. As your next Board of Trustee member, I will advocate for more mental health counselors available on campus, condemn all forms of sexism, transphobia, homophobia, racism, xenophobia, and anti-semitism in and out of campus, as well as provide more of an opportunity for ethnic groups such as SWANA to have a voice on the campus level.

Financial Transparency: Our ASI Budget needs to be more transparent, period. Quite frankly, it is insane that our tuition is going towards unnecessary expenses. Our graduating seniors deserve more than an online ceremony that comes with a hefty price tag of \$115, especially during a time of high unemployment. Our students deserve better. As your next Board of Trustee member, I will fight against tuition increases, advocate alongside the ASI Lobby Corps in order to obtain more funding from the California State Legislature, and ensure a fair and reasonable distribution of funding between all the ICCs. I will also advocate for an expansion of the Titan Student Union and the Student Recreation Center, along with supporting an initiative to build more Emergency Blue Phones around campus to ensure our students stay safe. Ensuring that every single penny from your tuition goes back to you is the most important aspect of this pillar of my campaign.

Slogan:

Putting Students' Needs First



Candidate Name: Brendan Tang-Tran

Candidate for: Titan Student Center Board of Trustees

Biography:

Hey everyone, my name is Brendan Tang-Tran and I am a psychology major with a minor in marketing. I am a first generation college student and I am also a third year transfer student. I grew up in Thousand Oaks located in Ventura county but currently living on campus at Cal State Fullerton. I was in psychology club at my community college and finished community college with a 3.9 GPA. I enjoy playing sports, watching sports and a huge basketball fan. I also enjoy hanging with friends and going to the beach. My favorite quote to go by is "hard work beats talent while talent fails to work hard"

Platform:

Hey everyone, I hope to be the voice of the school and is looking forward to making Cal State Fullerton a better place. I want to take everyones opinions and discuss it, and make good choices. If elected I would make sure everyone's voice is heard. I know we have a lot to discuss especially with covid right now and the plans with everything coming up. Making sure the people are satisfied because we are the students going here so I believe that we should have a say. I hope to give students the resources that they can use to grow as individuals not just as students.

Slogan

Bank on Brendan

Candidate Name: Brandon Wong

Candidate for: Titan Student Center Board of Trustees



Biography:

Hi, my name is Brandon Wong and I was born and raised in Walnut, California. I currently am a second-year Business major and looking to work in the Operations Management or Finance field upon graduation. As a server at Red Lobster, I've learned to love interacting and meeting new people. My passion for music, watching/playing sports, and going out to try new foods have made it really easy for me to adjust to the college setting and make new friends. In my past four semesters here at Cal State Fullerton, I have been actively involved in Turning Point USA and the Finance Association that have allowed me to increase my skill sets and teach me important information I could use in different situations such as time management and to problem-solving. As a former soccer player, I feel as if I am a natural leader and I will be more than capable of handling situations that the Board of Trustees comes across by using the skills that I have acquired throughout my life experiences.

Platform:

Hi everyone, my name is Brandon Wong, and I am a second-year Business major. I am eager to introduce myself to you and the ideas I have to bring to the Board of Trustees. Within my five semesters here, I noticed the lack of involvement from the commuter population around the school. More than 60% of our student population are commuters and I strongly believe that we should make a more conscious effort in planning events and activities so they can participate in them as well. My main goal includes adding a zen area within the TSU that is welcoming for all CSUF students to hang out in between classes or even just to pass time before commuting home. This would allow students who have had a long day or simply need to take a break in between classes to relax.

The reason I chose a zen area and not another dining area is because this location will be isolated creating a very calming environment where students can escape reality and get back into actuality. When visiting my sister at Princeton, she took me to their garden area and I found it very easy for myself to unwind. Since then, I have always thought about how beneficial an environment similar to theirs can help students at CSUF.

My goal for this area is to promote the well-being of this campus and for students to consider it a second home rather than a school. I believe our campus is one of the best campuses in Southern California, and with a new set of ideas, we can make it more welcoming for everyone to feel at home. If elected to this position, not only will I do everything I can to assist, but I will be a team player as well. I believe that a team is as strong as its weakest link, and that means a lot to me because the decisions made by the board are a team decision and should not only reflect one member. I understand that this position is re-elected each year, however, I hope to make a lasting impact on the Student Board of Trustees and lay the foundations for a more involved student-led campus.

Slogan: